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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Nigel Atherton et al.

Group Art Unit:

Serial No.: To be assigned

Examiner:

Filed: Herewith

For: TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

25. (Amended) Use of a lanthanum (III) compound in the method of
claim 1.

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